

(2) whether the passage of pedestrians even through the intervening paddy flats is not rendered very dangerous during the monsoon months;

(3) whether the present road distance of 5 or 6 miles through Koonamuchi, be not reduced to about one mile if a direct road is constructed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Inconvenience is felt in crossing the paddy fields during monsoons.

(3) Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—In the light of answer to (1) and (3), will the question of connecting the road be taken up during the time of preparing the budget for 1109?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As I have said on a previous occasion the programme of new road works for 1109 has already been drawn up by the Road Board and in that list this item is not included.

Resignation of Mr. C. S. Nilakanta Ayyar.

588. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the cause of the resignation of Mr. C. S. Nilakanta Ayyar;

(b) from what date the resignation took effect;

(c) how his pay was met till the date of his resignation?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) He found that his appointment in the School had become a matter for adverse comment among the teachers and the general public and he severed his connection with the school to safeguard its best interest.

(b) From the date of re-opening of the school in Edavam 1107.

(c) Government have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long was this Nilakanta Ayyar a teacher in the Vivekodayam High School?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think it is under a year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How is it that the Government did not know how his pay was met?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Because it is aided. How the management finds funds pay to the teachers it is not for the department to see. It is none of our business.

589. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 46 dated 20th of Karkadagam 1106, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the distress has grown in the meanwhile to such a scale as would warrant their action in any of the lines suggested therein:

(b) what other suggestions have they to meet the all round misery of the times?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Government are not aware.

(b) The results of the proposed economic survey of the State have to be awaited.

Husk-beating Industry.

590. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question 388, dated 12th of Kumbham 1107, will the Government be pleased to state the details of their attempt at Cherai?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A coir works factory was started at Cherai with a view to purchase coir yarn and rope from individual husk beaters and to convert them to coir mats, rugs, etc., and to teach the children of the artisans as to how coir mats, rugs, etc., are to be manufactured. No attempt was however, made to substitute machinery for human labour in regard to husk beating.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether there is any possibility of such machine substitution for this industry?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am not an authority. I shall leave it to experts.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you kindly make some inquiry about it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It will be one of the inquiries.

Steps to prevent wastage in Primary Education.

591. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the number of pupils in the State attending (1) first, (2) second, (3) third and (4) fourth year classes at the end of 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106 and 1107;

(b) what steps have been taken by the Government to eliminate wastage in Primary Education?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a)

Years	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
1103	31,281	21,631	18,441	21,051
1104	32,719	22,939	19,698	21,815
1105	33,312	24,583	17,184	23,084
1106	34,485	24,657	21,973	22,573
1107	35,417	27,296	23,663	23,811